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MAY 2023

To the Honorable Board Members of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

Director Cavanaugh presented testimony before the Senate on our biennial FY 24-25 budget. Our team continues to make progress on major programs and initiatives as outlined below.

Health:

[Latino Community Report: Promotoras de Salud](#)—The report was launched and a virtual panel hosted with the authors of the report and community leaders.

Latino Mental Health Navigator— Projects have completed budget revisions and are preparing for the end of grant reporting. This grant ends on June 30 and we are waiting to hear about possible funding for the upcoming biennium.

Education:

PPC Officer continued participating in taskforces and advisory groups. She is tracking legislation regarding proposed changes in education which are mentioned later in this report.

Workforce and Economic Development:

Hispanic Business Awards, La Mega— Director Cavanaugh participated and spoke at the event held in May.



CCMEP Program Update— Mary Grace Sanchez and Director Cavanaugh met with representatives from this program to ask about progress in reaching out to Latinos. The CCMEP program provides career coaching, job placement, tuition assistance, mentoring, financial assistance and transportation for low income young adults to build career paths. We have promoted this program in the past and coordinated meetings with specific counties to reach out to Latinos. Mary Grace will continue to work with this team to ensure that more opportunities and services are accessible to Latinos across Ohio.

Civic Engagement:

Ohio Department of Public Safety, State Anti-Trafficking—The Statewide Anti Trafficking Coordinator participated in the Unaccompanied Minors Council Meeting.

Administration:

Senator Nickie Antonio— Senator Antonio has been appointed to serve as Legislative Commissioner for our Board. We will be meeting with her and team for a meet and greet in early June.

Kronos —The new timekeeping system has been implemented this month and our team has been successfully onboarded.

FY24-25 Biennial Budget— The budget continues its process and is under review at the Senate.

Biennial Audit Underway— Executive Director Cavanaugh and Admin. Professional Careccia are working with the auditors. Most of the audit will be completed by the end of June with some work being finalized in July.

The fiscal report is attached for information.

Meetings Attended:

May 02—Senate Budget Testimony
 May 02—Debrief with Chair Manuel Lopez & Executive Committee
 May 03—Trauma Informed Care Advisory Council
 May 03—Jessica Sutton, El Puente Dayton, LMHN
 May 03—Kronos Launch Debrief
 May 04—La Mega Hispanic Business Awards Selection Committee
 May 04—Jessica Sutton, LMHN Debrief
 May 08-May 12— Vacation
 May 15—Latino Promotores de Salud report launch
 May 15—Latino Mental Health Network meeting
 May 16— Debrief with Chair Manuel Lopez & Executive Committee
 May 17—Anisa Kline, H2aWorkers Report follow up



May 17—Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Meeting
 May 17—Kronos Launch Debrief
 May 18—Hispanic Business Awards
 May 19—FALCON Networking Meeting
 May 22—Dr. Marilyn Sampilo, Cleveland Clinic
 May 22—Franklin County Equity Advisory Council Meeting
 May 22—Maria Bush, Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator, AG's Office
 May 23—Kevin Coeh, N.E. Hub Director, Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition
 May 23—Malaika Brewer, Opiate Conference Health Equity Session
 May 24—Carolina Goyeneche, La Vanguardia Newspaper
 May 24—Abi Delisio, Gerrie Cotter, CCMEP Discussion
 May 24—Merari Stacy, Catholic Social Services, Dayton
 May 25—Commissioner Yahaira Rose
 May 25—Greg Lam, OICC
 May 26—Meeting with Mr. Ron Todd and ethnic minority leaders
 May 26-31—Vacation

Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Annabel Meleán, Public Policy Officer

Summary of Successes:

Legislative Update:

- Currently tracking 65 bills from the 135th General Assembly.
- Assisted Director Cavanaugh in submitting OCHLA's Operating Budget testimony to the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

• Bill Highlights:

1. Education and Workforce Development

[Senate Bill 1: Revise Education Law and Department duties](#)

[Senate Bill 5: Establish the Workforce Voucher Program](#)

[Senate Bill 11: Enact the Parent Educational Freedom Act](#)

[Senate Bill 14: Expand veteran eligibility to teach without license](#)

[Senate Bill 17: Add capitalism to high school financial literacy standards](#)

[Senate Bill 30: Minor Labor Laws](#)

[Senate Bill 53: Lower Minimum Age for Original Appointment as a Police Officer](#)

[Senate Bill 83: Enact the Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act](#)

[Senate Bill 90: Enter the Social Work Licensure Compact](#)

2. Health and Safety

[House Bill 7: Enact the Strong Foundations Act; Maternal and Infant Health](#)

[House Bill 38: All school districts to permit students to take up to three mental health days](#)

[House Bill 82: Require school athletic coaches to complete mental health training](#)



[Senate Bill 28: Enter Physician Assistant Licensure Compact](#)
[Senate Bill 33: Require Medicaid applicant certify knowledge of estate recovery](#)
[Senate Bill 57: Designate May as Ohio Stroke Awareness Month](#)
[Senate Bill 60: To license certified mental health assistants](#)
[Senate Bill 61: To cap cost sharing prescription insulin drugs](#)

3. Politics and Government

[House Bill 1: To modify the law on property taxation and income tax rates](#)
[Senate Bill 37: To make changes to the laws governing driver's license suspensions](#)
[Senate Bill 71: Election Records- to enact the Data Analysis Transparency Archive Act](#)
[Senate Joint Resolution 2: Require a vote of at least 60% of electors to approve a change to the Ohio Constitution](#)

4. Business, Commerce, and Labor

[Senate Bill 2: Authorize subdivisions to designate tax exempt residential zones](#)
[Senate Bill 3: Create Ohio Community Revitalization Program](#)
[Senate Bill 12: Regards veteran-owned Business enterprise certification program](#)
[Senate Bill 31: Establish executive oversight on Unemployment Compensation Programs](#)
[Senate Bill 39: To exempt certain baby products from sales and use tax](#)

5. Justice and Civil Rights

[House Bill 91: Prohibit Installing tracking device or app without consent](#)
[House Bill III: Increase sentencing range for third degree felony domestic violence](#)
[Senate Bill 84: Require training on emotional intelligence for peace officers](#)

Networking and representation of the Commission:

- Participated in committee meetings with the Ohio Department of Education related to Limited English Learners.
- PPC officer has continued participation in the planning of the Ohio Latino Affairs Summit with Kent State University during weekly check-ins.
- Connected with a family support specialist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Division of Developmental and Behavioral pediatrics and discussed the alternative pathways families have for adult relatives with disabilities under the Ohio Family to Family program and Ohio Parent to Parent program, and introduced resources the Commission provides. The Ohio Family to Family and Parent to Parent programs are interested in improving outreach efforts to the Ohio Hispanic/Latino community.

Presentations:

- Represented the Commission in the U.S. Department of Labor EMPLEO's quarterly meeting where PPC Officer gave a presentation over Unaccompanied Minors in Ohio, and informed them over the Unaccompanied Minors website project that is underway.

Meetings Attended:

5/2: OCHLA Budget Testimony at Senate Agriculture and Resources Committee



5/8: Ohio Latino Student Summit Chairs Meeting
5/10: U.S. Department of Labor, EMPLEO Quarterly Meeting
5/11: Ohio Dept. of Education Roadmap to Families with Students of English Learners Committee
5/15: Ohio Latino Student Summit Chairs Meeting
5/16: OCHLA intro meeting with Marion Cosgrove
5/17: Debrief meeting with Dr. Kline
5/17: Canton & Akron Latino Networking Meeting
5/19: Meeting with Dana Weber, TESOL representative
5/22: OCHLA intro meeting with Advocating Opportunities
5/30: Attended the Equity Project webinar

Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Mary Grace Sanchez, Community Liaison

Summary of Successes:

Outreach and Social Media:

Began promoting the bilingual IMAP and High School Tech Internship Campaign during the month of May.

Constituent Services:

We continue to receive a regular stream of constituent inquiries.

Building Community Engagement:

The LCN continued participating in community calls and networking meetings, including the meeting with the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center who is looking to expand their outreach efforts to the Latino community and with the Catholic Social Services Dayton who is looking to engage and learn from more Latino servicing organizations in the area. LCN Sanchez also continued to build community engagements through the Bi-weekly Newsletter.

Latino Networking Meetings: This month, we were part of the Canton & Akron and Youngstown Latino Networking Meeting, FALCON, and NOAHH.

Special Events:

Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala

We were able to successfully identify our partner and fiscal agent for our 42nd annual gala that will be held on October 14, 2023, at The Grand Event Center at Grandview Yard. We are working with the AG and our partner to secure an MOU for the event. More information will be shared in the near future.

Job Opportunities Page:

The page has continued to grow and be updated once a week on our website. The postings have continued to increase in a month and will continue to grow as the page continues to be promoted on social media.

Resource Directories Updates:

The Faith & Church Directory was updated this month for 2023. We hope to have the directory uploaded onto our website by the following month. LCN has also been working with the Canton & Akron and Youngstown Latino Networking group to update the three local resource directories. We hope to have a



final draft of the directories by the summer to be added to our website and distributed in the community.

Meetings Attended:

- May 1 — Martin’s Exit Interview
- May 8 — DHO Conversation with Phil Barbosa
- May 10 — Ohio EMPLEO Quarterly Meeting
- May 10 – Latina Heart Awareness Campaign Collaboration Touchbase
- May 16 – NOAHH Monthly Meeting
- May 16 – 2023 DHO Conversation with Commissioner Santiago
- May 16 – Intro Meeting with OCHLA and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center
- May 17 – Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Bimonthly Debrief
- May 17 – Canton & Akron Latino Networking Meeting

Outlet	Data	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Facebook	Followers	3,000	3,624	3,624	3,645	3,654							
	Reach	5,558	2,980	2,980	3,410	9.2K							
	Page Visits	309	274	274		206							
Instagram	Followers		1,000	1,000	1,025	1,019							
	Reach	780	636	636	720								
	Page Visits	44	92	92	262	87							
	Impressions	1,200	2,400	2,400	2,400	1.9K							
Twitter	Followers	1,448	1257	1257	1,151	1,149							
	Profile Visits	27	1,257	1,257		0							
	Impressions	1,500	3,600	3,600	352	2,211							
LinkedIn	Followers	280	286	286	301								
OCHLA Website	Visitors	667	842	1176	845	737							
	Page Views	2,256	2,539	2749	2,940	2,105							



May 18 – Unaccompanied Minors Council
 May 24 – Meeting with Merari Stacy, Catholic Social Services Dayton

May 2023 Fiscal Report

LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Account	ALI	Budget Period	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available	REMARKS
500	148321	2023Q1	69,590.00	62,276.95	0	7,313.05	10.51	Payroll payments on schedule
500	148321	2023Q2	92,855.00	81,571.44	0	11,283.56	12.15	
500	148321	2023Q3	79,590.00	71,148.69	0	8,441.31	10.61	
500	148321	2023Q4	92,855.00	47,686.06	0	45,168.94	48.64	
510	148321	2023	15,000.00	7,991.43	3,142.93	3,865.64	25.77	Contractors amount increased to cover two contractors
520	148321	2023	126,470.00	78,011.38	725.17	47,733.45	37.74	Operating Expenses
520	148602	2023	24,558.00	0	0	24,558.00	100	Rainy fund appropriation, account 6010

LATINO MENTAL HEALTH NAVIGATOR GRANT

500	148602	2023Q1	2,246.00	0	0	2,246.00	100	Funding for FY23 for all accounts related to the grant are on target.
500	148602	2023Q2	2,246.00	0	0	2,246.00	100	
510	148602	2023	77,001.02	57,092.94	16,007.06	3,901.02	5.07	
550	148602	2023	557,211.98	377,705.52	123,130.82	56,375.64	10.12	

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Contractors:
 (1) Legislative Visit Day Support
 (2) Graphic Designer for Reports

May 25 – Youngstown Latino Networking Meeting
 May 30 – OCHLA & HCC– Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards

Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

Respectfully submitted.

